

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) yesterday introduced a [bill to limit funding for military action in Libya](#)

. The House is expected to consider the Rooney legislation this week.

“The President has ignored the Constitution and the War Powers Resolution, but he cannot ignore a lack of funding,” Rooney said. “Only Congress has the power to declare war and the power of the purse, and my bill exercises both of those powers by blocking funds for the war in Libya unless the President receives Congressional authorization.”

Rooney’s bill, H.R. 2278, states that no funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Department of Defense may be expended for U.S. Armed Forces in support of the NATO operation in Libya, unless specifically authorized by law. The legislation makes exceptions for funds used for search and rescue, intelligence, aerial refueling, and operational planning.

Rooney, who sits on the House Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, served in the Army JAG Corps and taught Constitutional law at West Point.

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